

Ashfield Conservation Commission
Wednesday, October 22, 2014
MINUTES

Members Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG) Brian Clark (BC) Phil Lussier (PL) Members Absent: Janet Clark (JC) David Fessenden (DF)	Others Present: Anne Madocks, Scribe
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1. Meeting called to order by Chair (LG) at 7:35 PM.
2. Members present reviewed minutes of October 8, 2014. PL motion to approve minutes; BC seconded; unanimous.
3. Clark Chicken Coop – Mr. Clark submitted an email with a picture of the remaining debris to LG dated 10/21/14 stating the structure was removed by Ray Gray with an excavator, nylon straps, and picked it up and put it on trailer and removed it offsite. A few bricks and some glass were left behind and he was inquiring if they need to be removed. LG requested they be removed and disposed of so the site was free of debris, and at which time the issue would be closed.
4. DAR State Forest Emergency Certification – As of last week, LG visited site and no work had begun. LG provided a map of the site from an orthophoto.
5. Forest Cutting Plan for Calvin Clark's property received in Conservation Commission mail.
6. LG circulated several magazines and publications received in the mail: New York State Conservation, October 2014, Baystate Roads Interchange issues Summer 2014 and Fall 2014.
7. No building permit applications for review and/or approval.
8. Kinder Morgan TGP – LG shared a notice about Open House dates and locations from Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company LLC. There will be two in Franklin County, both at 6-8 PM:
 - 12/3, Greenfield Community College
 - 12/10, Mohawk Regional HSPL considering attending two meetings, one in our region and one elsewhere. LG had a meeting with the BOH last night and brought maps of the proposed pipeline alignment for them. LG will be meeting with the Plainfield Conservation Commission next week at their request to talk about how to respond to the NOI. Ameila Deherdt sent an email to LG that included an article about the compressor stations, size and noise. State legislators beginning to evaluate concerns about the noise of the proposed compressor station in the area, currently proposed for Deerfield.

9. The Ashfield Water District wants to lower the water level in the upper reservoir on Bear Swamp Road on Sunday morning to see how much damage is in the spillway due to a leak under the spillway so they can evaluate the problem. PL Is there any release rate noted? Should they be held to the same release rate as a beaver dam draw down? The Water District will begin the draw down at 8 AM and have engineers on site at 10 AM to evaluate. LG stated they do plan to release slowly. PL and LG stated an Emergency Certification is in order given the nature of the problem and potential for failure of the spillway. BC will do a site visit on Sunday morning to observe the drawdown.
10. LG Jim Cutler invited by Trout Unlimited (TU) to give a presentation about the TGP project. TU concerned about the effect of clearing on cold water fisheries in the project area.
11. Conservation Commission will only meet the 2nd Wednesday in November and December. The TGP open house meeting is also on 12/10/14 so would like to meet on 12/11/14 instead.
12. PL When will Double Edge Theater be responding? About a month after they came in. No response yet.
13. PL motion to adjourn; LG seconded; unanimous.

Document List:

Email communication between Lester Garvin and Calvin Clark, 10/21/14 and 10/22/14
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company LLC, NED Open House Dates/Locations
D.A.R. Emergency Certification Site Map, Orthophoto created by Lester Garvin